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The DURANGO KID

WHAT'S THE DURANGO KID HIMSELF MIXING IT UP WITH THOSE BADHATS! THE BLACK-MASKED LAWMAN IS DOING FINE - BUT HE DOESN'T SEE THAT SIX-SHOOTER POINTED AT HIS BACK...HE HAS NO IDEA OF WHAT'S COMING NEXT IN THE...



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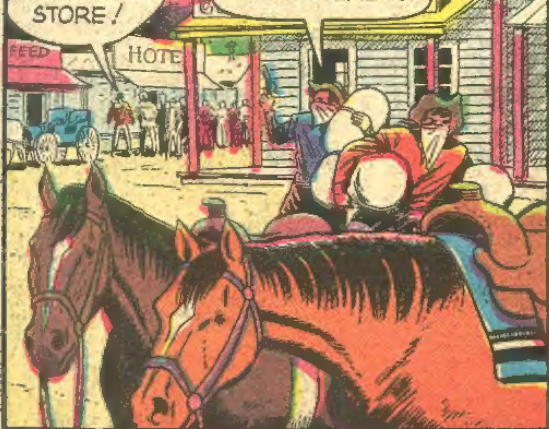
SHOWDOWN AT DOOM CANYON!

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ONE SUN-DRENCHED DAY IN POWDER CITY-

THEY JUST ROBBED THE GENERAL STORE!

ANYBODY MAKE A MOVE WHILE WE'RE MOUNTING UP...IT'LL BE HIS LAST!



JUST THEN-

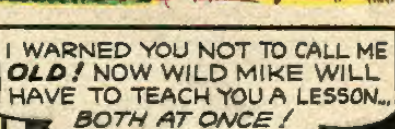
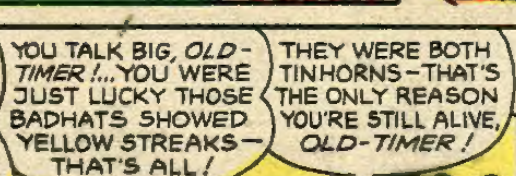
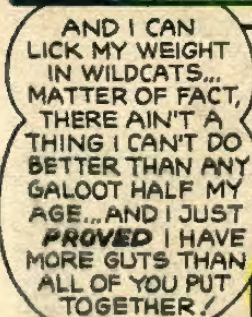
ALL THE REST OF YOU SPAVINED COYOTES CAN STAND BY IF YOU WANT - BUT I'M GOING TO TAKE A HAND!

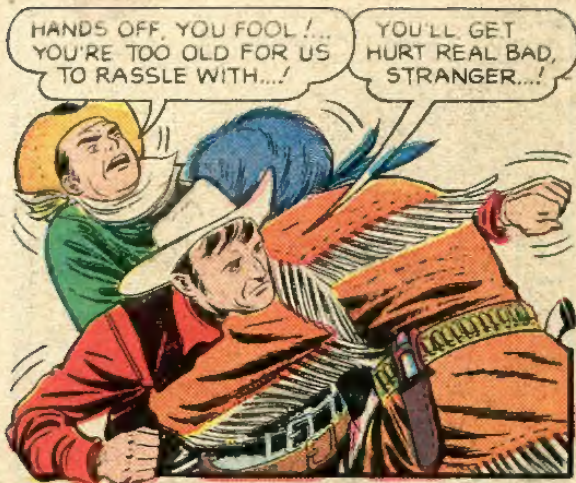
MUST'VE JUST HIT TOWN - NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!

WHO'S HE?



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BY THE TIME A MONTH PASSES, THERE ISN'T A MAN IN POWDER CITY WHO'S NOT WILD MIKE'S FRIEND—

DROP IN AGAIN— ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO TALK WITH YOU.

I SURE WILL— BUT NOT TOO SOON. I KNOW BANKERS ARE BUSY MEN.

A HALF-HOUR LATER —

SO MUCH WORK... BIG DEPOSITS CAME IN TODAY... BUT SUDDEN-LIKE I FEEL DROWSY... CAN'T KEEP MY EYES OPEN.

ME -YAWN- TOO. OF POWDER CITY



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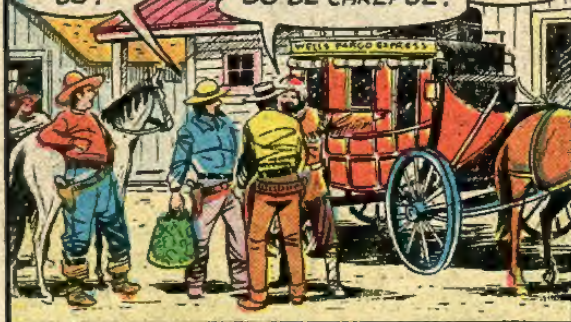
I KNOW THIS SMELL, SHERIFF...
IT'S AN OLD INJUN HERB FOR
MAKING FOLKS FALL INTO A
DEEP SLEEP. THOSE BADHATS
ARE REAL SLICK — THEY
MANAGED TO DRUG
BOTH OF THEM!

NOT A
THING WILD
MIKE DOESN'T
KNOW...!



RELAX, WILD
MIKE —
NOTHING'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN TO
US!

DON'T JASS ME, LAD! I KNOW
YOU HAVE A BIG GOLD SHIP-
MENT IN THAT STRONG BOX...
AND I KNOW THOSE OUTLAWS
ARE STILL AROUND AND HUNGRY...
SO BE CAREFUL!



**THE BRAKES!
THE BRAKES
AREN'T
HOLDING!**



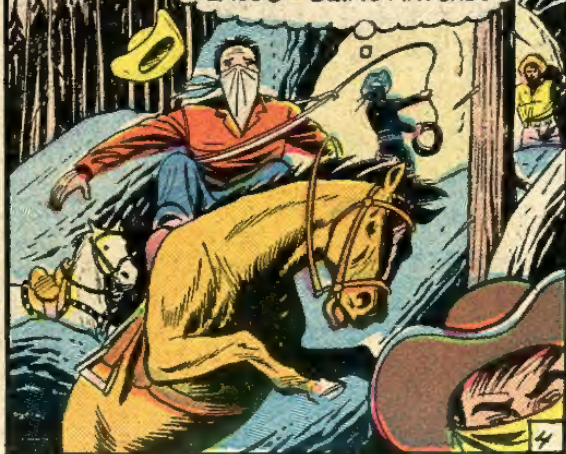
THEY'RE OUT
COLD-EVERY
LAST ONE OF
THEM!

GOOD! NOW
WHERE'S THAT
STRONG BOX...?



JUST
THEN—

THOSE VARMINTS DIDN'T RECKON ON **THE DURANGO KID**—AND HIS NEVER-MISS LASSO—BEING AROUND.





DON'T JUST STAND THERE!... CUT ME LOOSE - I'M BEING DRAGGED THROUGH THE BRUSH!



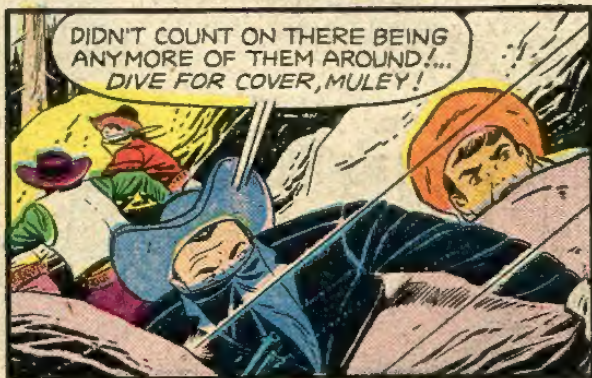
IT'S WORKING FINE! THE LASSO'S TIED TO RAIDER'S POMMEL - AND NOW WITH ALL THE BADHATS RUSHING AFTER THEIR BOSS, WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE...



...GETTING THE DROP ON THEM!

STAND FAST, OWLHOOTS!

THE BADHATS FREEZE! BUT BEFORE DURANGO AND MULEY PIKE CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE - BULLETS WHIZZ PAST THEM FROM THE SIDE -!



DIDN'T COUNT ON THERE BEING ANYMORE OF THEM AROUND!... DIVE FOR COVER, MULEY!



WE HAD THEM COLD, DURANGO - AND NOW THEY'RE GETTING CLEAN AWAY!

NOTHING WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW, MULEY... BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE WON'T BE TRYING AGAIN...!

THAT NIGHT, AS DURANGO POWWOWS WITH THE SHERIFF IN POWDER CITY -

WILD MIKE HASN'T STEERED YOU WRONG YET - HAVE I?... AND I'M TELLING YOU NOW THAT WITH DURANGO HERE, OUR TROUBLES ARE OVER! THERE AIN'T A BADHAT GANG IN THE WEST THAT WON'T VAMOOSE AT THE FIRST SIGN OF THE DURANGO KID...!



THE NEXT DAY -

WHERE'RE WE HEADED FOR IN SUCH A RUSH, DURANGO?

JUST GOT A NOTE FROM WILD MIKE BOLTON! SAYS TO MEET HIM NEAR THE RIVER... HE'S FOUND SOMETHING THAT'LL LEAD US RIGHT TO THAT BADHAT GANG!





HELP!

HEAR THAT, MULEY? SOUNDS LIKE WILD MIKE... AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD OF HIM, HE WOULDN'T BE YELLING UNLESS THERE WAS **REAL TROUBLE!**

MEANWHILE, AT THE BADHAT'S HIDEOUT -

I DON'T GET IT...! RUSTLING BY DAYLIGHT IS ALWAYS MIGHTY RISKY! SO HOW COME WE'RE TRYING IT NOW WHILE DURANGO'S IN THE TERRITORY?

BECAUSE THOSE ARE **OUR BOSS'S** ORDERS! - AND **WILD MIKE** HASN'T MADE A WRONG MOVE YET...!



AT THAT MOMENT -



GRAB THE LASSO SOON AS IT COMES CLOSE, WILD MIKE - I'LL PULL YOU IN!

... FIRST HAVING US STAGE THAT STORE HOLD-UP JUST SO HE COULD TAKE A HAND AND MAKE HIMSELF THE HERO OF POWDER CITY...! THEN DRUGGING THE BANKERS' COFFEE...! THEN FIXING THE STAGE'S BRAKES...! THEN MAKING DURANGO DIVE FOR COVER JUST WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO PULL US IN...! YUP, WILD MIKE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING - AND YOU CAN BE SURE HE'S TAKING CARE OF DURANGO RIGHT NOW!



GOOD MAN! NOW JUST HOLD TIGHT...!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M DOING! THIS FAKE DROWNING'S GOING TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE EVERY WORD I SAY... AND I'LL HOLD ONTO YOU TIGHT ALL DAY LONG... WHILE MY GANG'S OFF RUSTLING THOSE STEERS!

LATER -

CAN YOU TALK NOW? CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED?

I WAS CROSSING THE RIVER TO MEET DURANGO. THE CANOE - GASP! - HIT A ROCK... IT STARTED TO GO DOWN...!

JUST GOT A LOOK AT THE CANOE, WILD MIKE, YOU SIDESWIPE IT ASHORE WHILE I WAS PULLING YOU IN. THERE'S ONLY ONE HOLE IN THE BOTTOM - A HOLE SO ROUND AND NEAT, IT **COULDN'T** HAVE BEEN MADE BY A **RIVER ROCK!** NOW TALK FAST - **WHY** DID YOU PULL THAT PLUG AND STAGE A FAKE DROWNING?

YOU'RE SMART DURANGO... BUT YOU'RE NOT SMART ENOUGH!



WHILE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR ME TO COME TO, MY GANG'S BEEN OUT RUSTLING STEERS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT! WAIT TILL FOLKS HEAR ABOUT A RAID LIKE **THAT** BEING PULLED WHILE THE GREAT DURANGO HIMSELF WAS IN THE TERRITORY... WHO'S GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH SPUNK TO STAND UP TO US **THEN**? WHO WILL THERE BE TO STOP MY GANG FROM SPRINGING ME AFTER YOU LOCK ME UP...?



IT'S TOO LATE TO BREAK UP THE RUSTLING RAID! MY MEN ARE DRIVING THE STEERS OFF ALREADY! AND I LEFT ORDERS THAT LL KEEP YOU FROM STOPPING THEM!

COULD BE. BUT NOBODY'S GOING TO SAY THAT DURANGO DIDN'T **TRY**! MAKE SURE HE'S BOUND TIGHT, MULEY...



MEANWHILE... WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE HERD GUARDS?

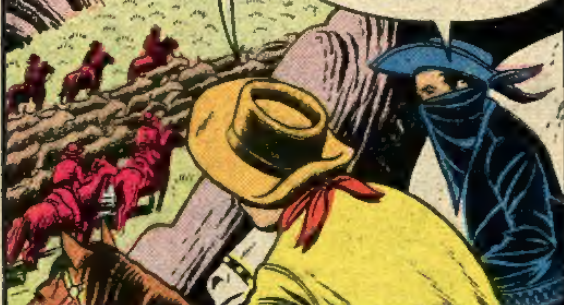
WILD MIKE'S ORDERS ARE TO MAKE **THEM** RIDE WITH US TILL WE CROSS THE BORDER—SO IF ANY LAW MAN WHO CATCHES UP FIGURES ON CLEARING HOLSTER, **THEIR** BEING PART OF THE TARGET WILL MAKE HIM THINK **TWICE**...



AND SO, LATER—

THERE THEY ARE, DURANGO! WHAT DO WE DO NOW...?

CAN'T THROW LEAD—THAT'S FOR SURE. THOSE HERD GUARDS MIGHT GET HIT. LOOKS LIKE WILD MIKE'S TIED OUR HANDS...



NOW THE BADHATS ARE IN DOOM CANYON—

BORDER'S JUST AHEAD.

GOOD! SOON AS WE GET RID OF THE STEERS, WE'LL BACKTRAIL TO PICK UP WILD MIKE...



BUT THEN—

DURANGO!

HEY!



PITCH IN, ALL YOU HERD GUARDS!... DURANGO AND HIS SIDEKICK CAN USE SOME HELP!





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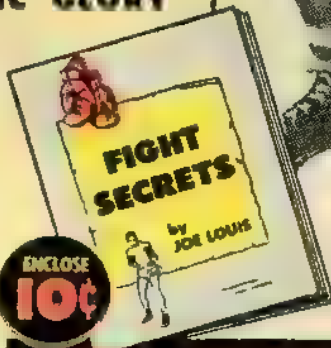


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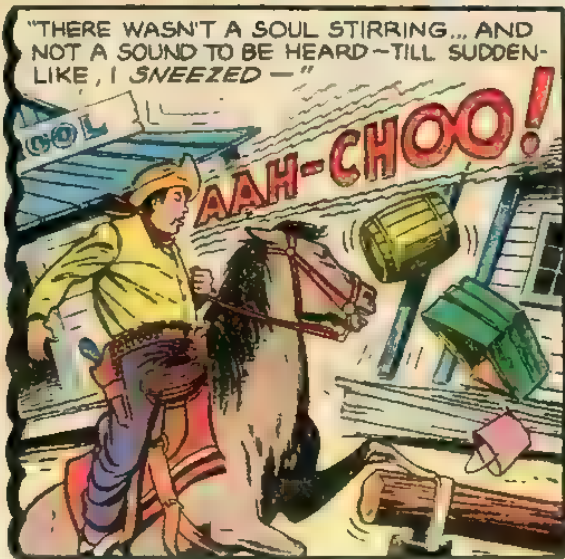
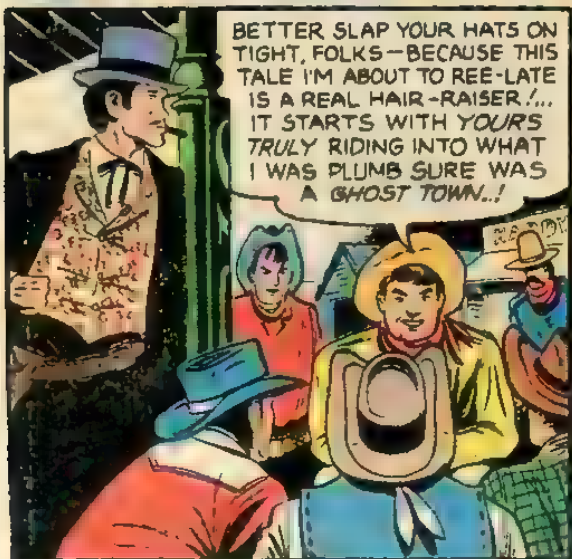
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY
"THOUGHTFUL", MULEY PIKE?

C-CAN'T YOU SEE?...THEY'RE
BRINGING ALONG THEIR OWN
SILVERWARE!



BETTER SLAP YOUR HATS ON
TIGHT, FOLKS—BECAUSE THIS
TALE I'M ABOUT TO REE-LATE
IS A REAL HAIR-RAISER!...
IT STARTS WITH YOURS
TRULY RIDING INTO WHAT
I WAS PLUMB SURE WAS
A GHOST TOWN..!

"THERE WASN'T A SOUL STIRRING... AND
NOT A SOUND TO BE HEARD—TILL SUDDEN-
LIKE, I SNEEZED —"



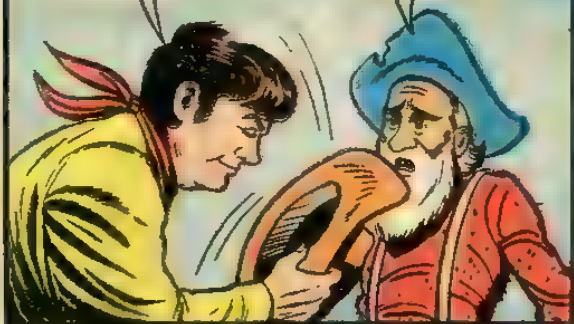
"BEING THAT I'M THE HEARTIEST SNEEZER IN ALL THE WEST, IT TOOK A FEW SECONDS FOR ALL THE HOUSES TO SETTLE BACK DOWN ONTO THEIR FOUNDATIONS! AND THEN —"



SHHH, STRANGER, ONE MORE BLAST LIKE THAT, AND THE NEW SHERIFF WILL LOCK YOU UP FOR —HEY! IT'S MULEY PIKE...!

HOWDY, FRIEND. WHAT'S THAT YOU WERE SAYING ABOUT THE NEW SHERIFF?...DON'T TELL ME THERE'S A LAW BEEN PASSED AGAINST SNEEZING HEREBOUTS!

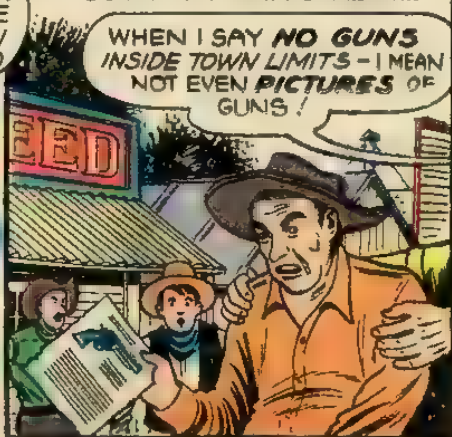
TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, MULEY—EVER SINCE THAT NEW SHERIFF TOOK OVER, THERE'S BEEN SIGH MORE NEW LAWS THAN THERE ARE SPINES ON A CACTUS PLANT!



THE NEW SHERIFF'S SO PLUMB **STRICT**, WE'VE ALL TAKEN TO STAYING INDOORS FOR FEAR OF BREAKING SOME NEW FANGLED LAW HE'S JUST DREAMED UP...!

"HE PULLED IN MORT PRINGLE JUST THE OTHER DAY FOR CARRYING A CATALOGUE PICTURE OF A SIX-SHOOTER ON MAIN STREET..."

WHEN I SAY **NO GUNS** INSIDE TOWN LIMITS — I MEAN NOT EVEN **PICTURES** OF GUNS!



"WHEN LEM BITTLE GRABBED AT HIS WINDBLOWN SOMBRERO JUST AS A LADY WAS PASSING BY—"

THREE DAYS IN THE LOCK-UP FOR GREETING A STRANGE FEMALE WITHOUT BEING INTRODUCED PROPER-LIKE!



"AND WHEN JIM HORTON, LEAVING HIS HOUSE TO DRAW THREE PAILS OF WATER FROM THE WELL, CALLED BACK TO HIS WIFE —"

I'LL DRAW THREE!

SO,... PLAYING **DRAW POKER**, EH?... THAT'LL BE A WEEK IN THE LOCK-UP FOR **GAMBLING**!

HMMMM — SEEMS TO ME YOUR NEW SHERIFF'S A MITE TOO — **AAH-CHOO!**

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, MULEY PIKE!



WHOOAA-UP!...
YOU CAN'T ARREST
A MAN FOR HAVING
A HEAD
COLD!

WHO SAYS I CAN'T?...
THERE'S A SCHOOL
ON THIS STREET-AND
ANY MAN MAKING A
LOUD NOISE ON A SCHOOL
STREET GETS FIVE DAYS
IN THE LOCK-UP!

NOW SEE HERE, SHERIFF - NOBODY
CAN BLAME YOU FOR DOING YOUR
JOB. BUT THE WAY YOU'RE DOING
IT, EVERYBODY'LL WIND UP WITH
NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS-AND IN THE
END, YOU'LL ONLY MAKE
FOLKS DISRESPECT
THE LAW!

MULEY'S
TALKING SENSE!

IT'S ABOUT
TIME
THAT NEW
SHERIFF
WAS
STRAIGHT-
ENED
OUT...!



BEING THAT
YOU WERE JUST
PASSING THROUGH, I
WON'T LOCK YOU
UP!... BUT YOU'RE
GONNA LEAVE TOWN
THIS MINUTE... AND
I'M RIDING WITH YOU
TO MAKE SURE YOU
CLEAR IT FOR
GOOD!

"SO WE RODE OUT TOGETHER - ME
AND THE STIFF-NECKED STAR-
TOTER. AND AFTER WE'D BEEN
RIDING A SPELL -"

HEY! LOOKA
THAT DUST
FLYING!

DON'T BE TRYING
TO TRICK ME, MULEY
PIKE!... I'M NOT TAKING
MY EYES OFF YOU TILL
YOU'RE CLEAN INTO THE
NEXT TERRITORY!

THOSE ARE *INJUNS*
HEADED THIS WAY,
SHERIFF! - AND THOSE
AREN'T PEACEPIPES
THEY'RE WAVING...!

WON'T DO
YOU NO
GOOD
TRYING TO
FOOL *ME*,
MULEY PIKE!

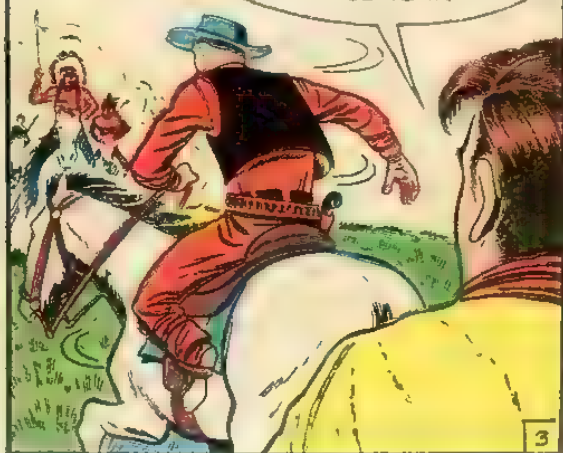


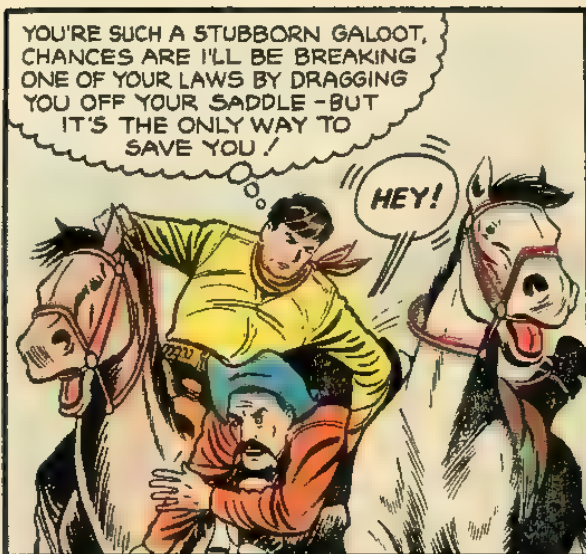
STILL THINK
I'M TRYING
TO FOOL YOU,
SHERIFF?

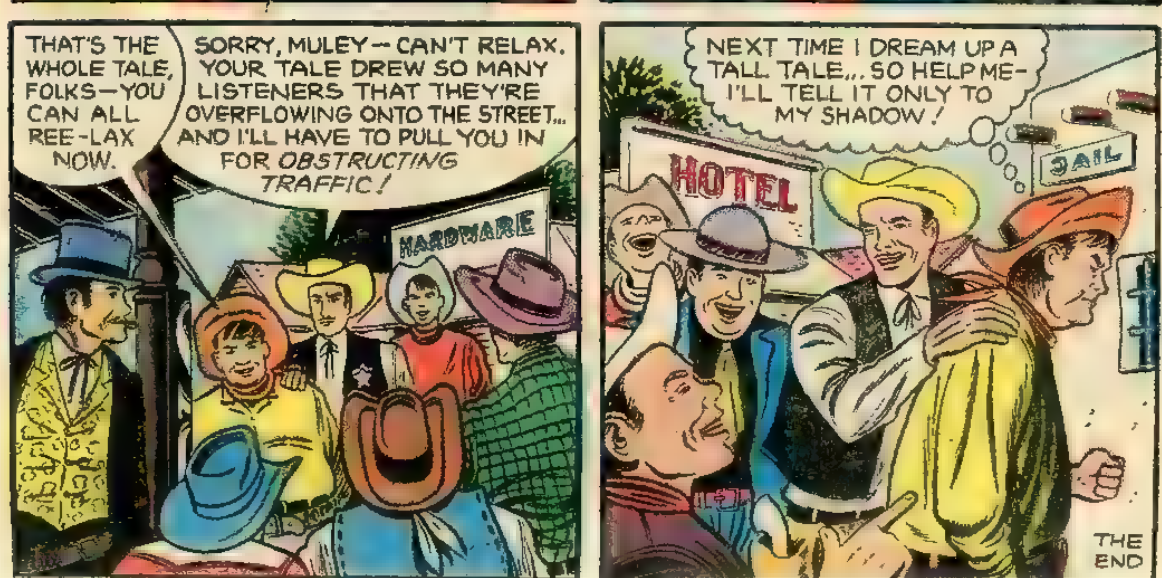
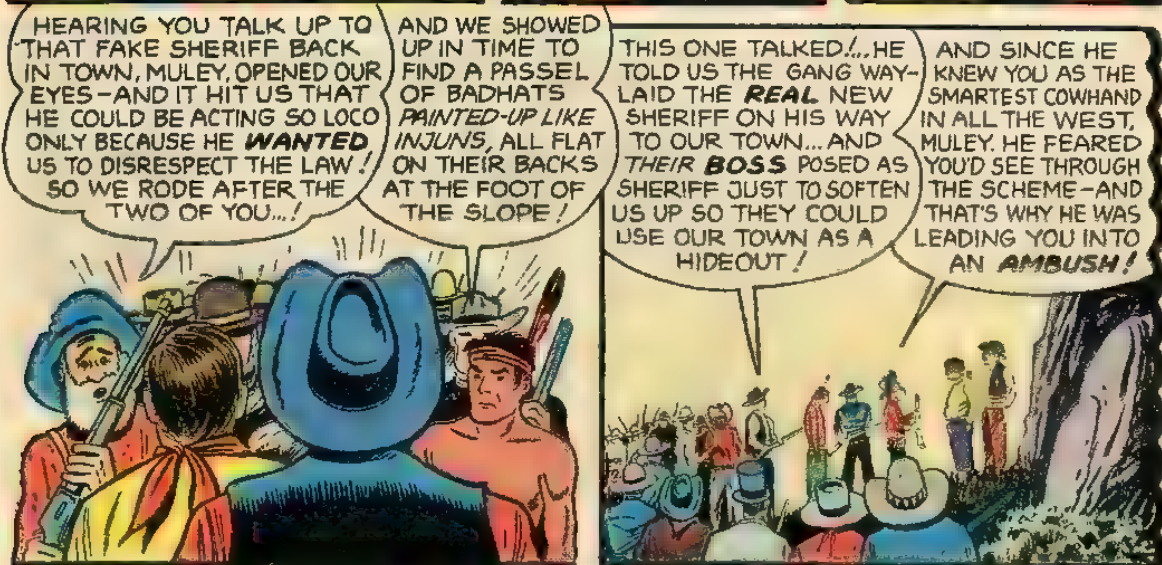
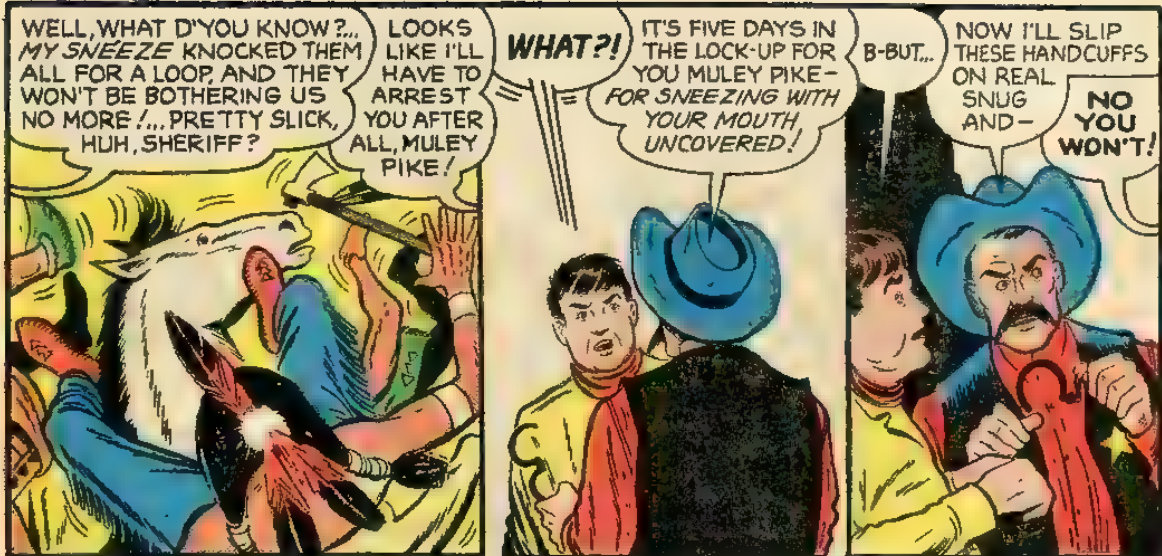
DIDN'T TAKE NOTICE OF YOUR
HAT BEFORE, PIKE. COULD BE
YOU'VE BEEN WEARING THAT
ARROW ALL THE TIME!

"SUDDEN-
LIKE -"

HEY! THE SHERIFF'S HORSE
IS BOLTING RIGHT TOWARD
THOSE WAR-WHOOPING
INJUNS...!







WELL, WHAT D'YOU KNOW?... MY SNEEZE KNOCKED THEM ALL FOR A LOOP, AND THEY WON'T BE BOTHERING US NO MORE!... PRETTY SLICK, HUH, SHERIFF?

LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO ARREST YOU AFTER ALL, MULEY PIKE!

WHAT?!

IT'S FIVE DAYS IN THE LOCK-UP FOR YOU MULEY PIKE - FOR SNEEZING WITH YOUR MOUTH UNCOVERED!

B-BUT...

NOW I'LL SLIP THESE HANDCUFFS ON REAL SNUG AND - NO YOU WON'T!

HEARING YOU TALK UP TO THAT FAKE SHERIFF BACK IN TOWN, MULEY, OPENED OUR EYES - AND IT HIT US THAT HE COULD BE ACTING SO LOCO ONLY BECAUSE HE **WANTED** US TO DISRESPECT THE LAW! SO WE RODE AFTER THE TWO OF YOU...!

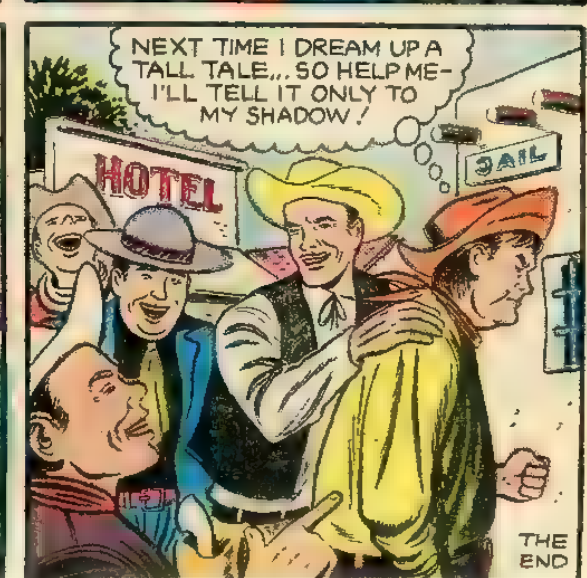
AND WE SHOWED UP IN TIME TO FIND A PASSEL OF BADHATS PAINTED-UP LIKE INJUNS, ALL FLAT ON THEIR BACKS AT THE FOOT OF THE SLOPE!

THIS ONE TALKED!... HE TOLD US THE GANG WAY - LAID THE **REAL** NEW SHERIFF ON HIS WAY TO OUR TOWN... AND THEIR **BOSS** POSED AS SHERIFF JUST TO SOFTEN US UP SO THEY COULD USE OUR TOWN AS A HIDEOUT!

AND SINCE HE KNEW YOU AS THE SMARTEST COWHAND IN ALL THE WEST, MULEY, HE FEARED YOU'D SEE THROUGH THE SCHEME - AND THAT'S WHY HE WAS LEADING YOU INTO AN **AMBUSH**!

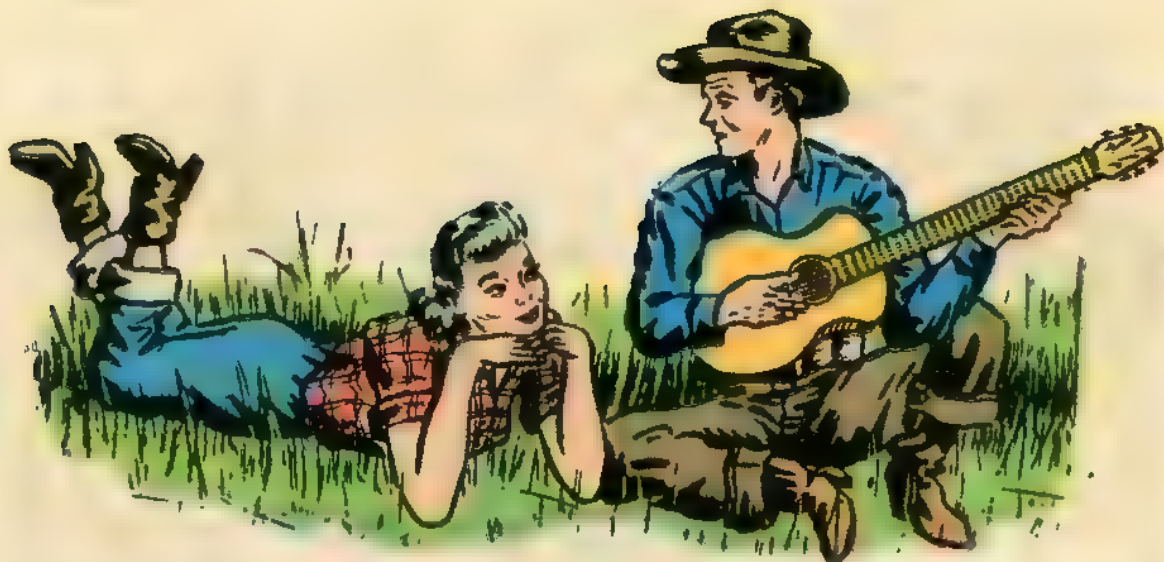
THAT'S THE WHOLE TALE, FOLKS - YOU CAN ALL REE-LAX NOW.

SORRY, MULEY - CAN'T RELAX. YOUR TALE DREW SO MANY LISTENERS THAT THEY'RE OVERFLOWING ONTO THE STREET... AND I'LL HAVE TO PULL YOU IN FOR **OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC**!



NEXT TIME I DREAM UP A TALL TALE... SO HELP ME - I'LL TELL IT ONLY TO MY SHADOW!

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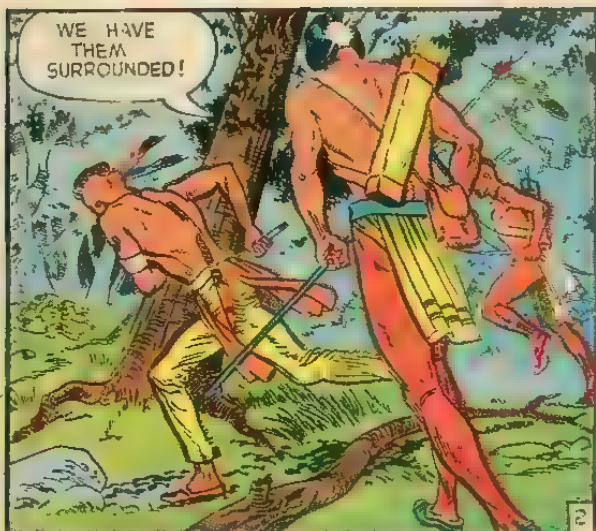
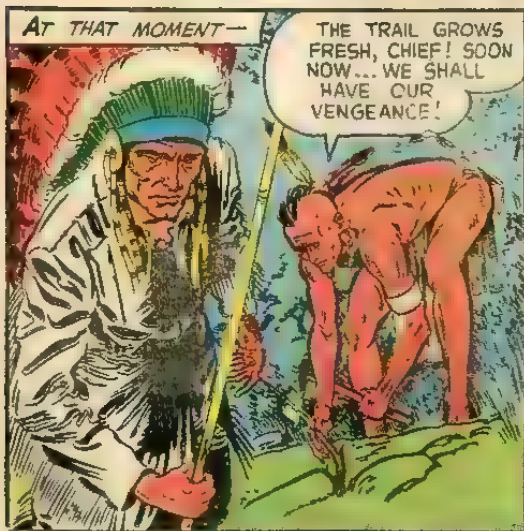
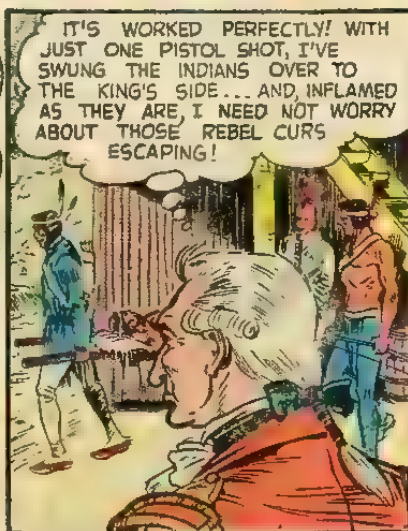
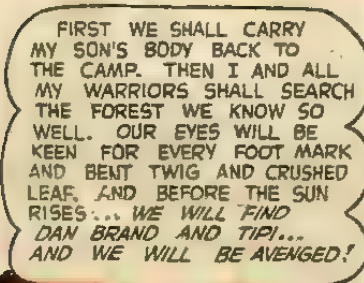


AS THEY LEAP DOWN FROM THE WALL, THE BRITISH COMMANDER, MAJOR HALLAM, SMILES CRUELLY...



A SHADOWY FIGURE HAS BEEN STANDING BELOW, WATCHING BELOW, WATCHING IMPASSIVELY. NOW THE MAJOR TURNS AND DELIBERATELY DRAWS A BEAD ON THE QUIET SPECTATOR...





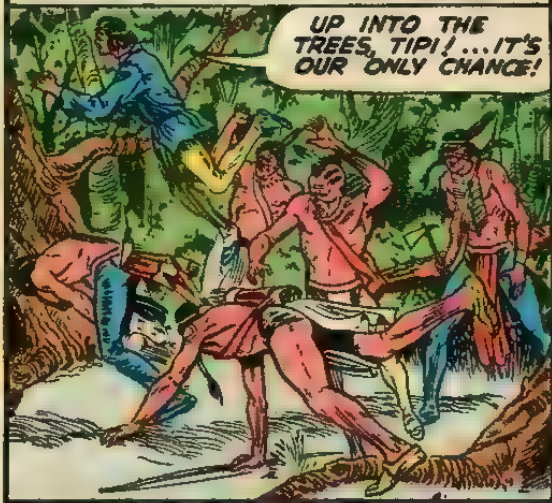
BUT DAN BRAND'S SENSES HAVE BEEN SHARPENED BY COUNTLESS BRUSHES WITH DANGER!

THAT WAS A TWIG SNAPPING!



AND EVEN AS THE INDIANS RUSH FORWARD—

UP INTO THE TREES, TIPI! ...IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!



KEEP GOING, TIPI! IT'S A MOONLESS NIGHT—THEY CAN'T SEE US CLEARLY!

IF WE ONLY HAD A GUN, WE COULD FIGHT BACK!



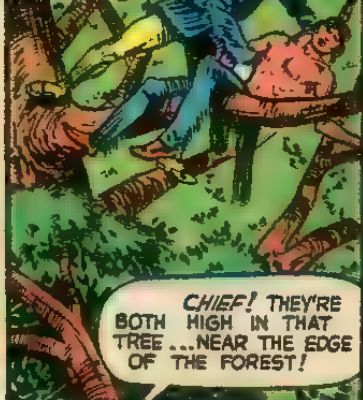
SUDDENLY—

TIPI—YOU'VE BEEN HIT!

CAN'T...GO ANY FURTHER, DAN! YOU LEAVE ME...I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! BUT YOU GET AWAY!



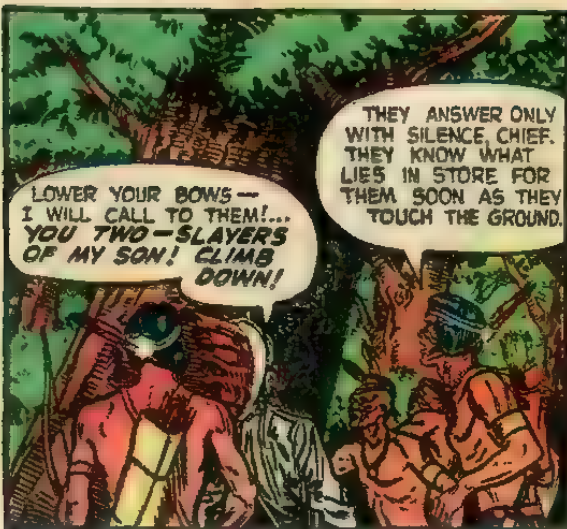
NO, TIPI—WE'RE BLOOD-BROTHERS! I'VE SWORN NEVER TO—



CHIEF! THEY'RE BOTH HIGH IN THAT TREE...NEAR THE EDGE OF THE FOREST!

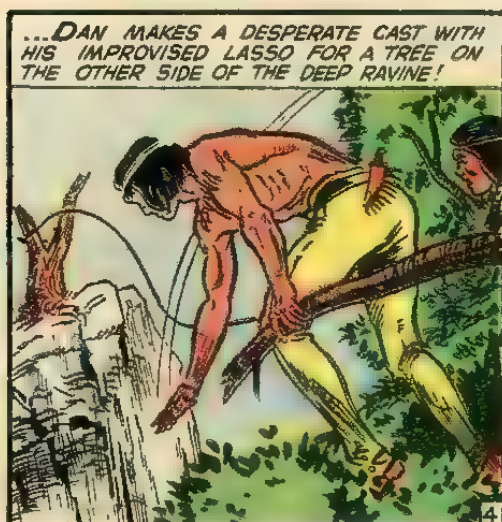
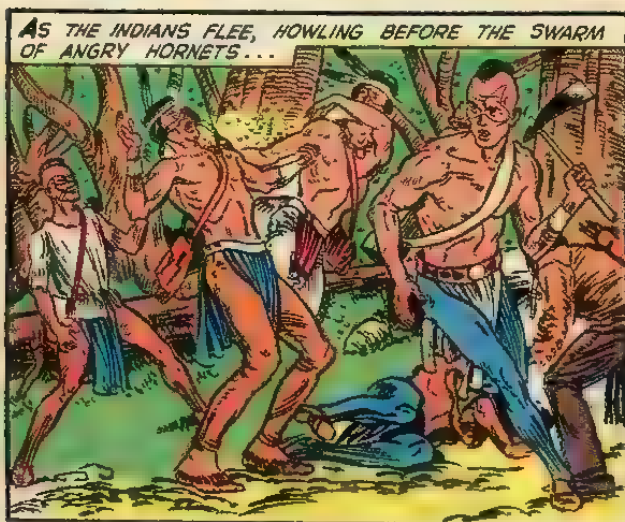
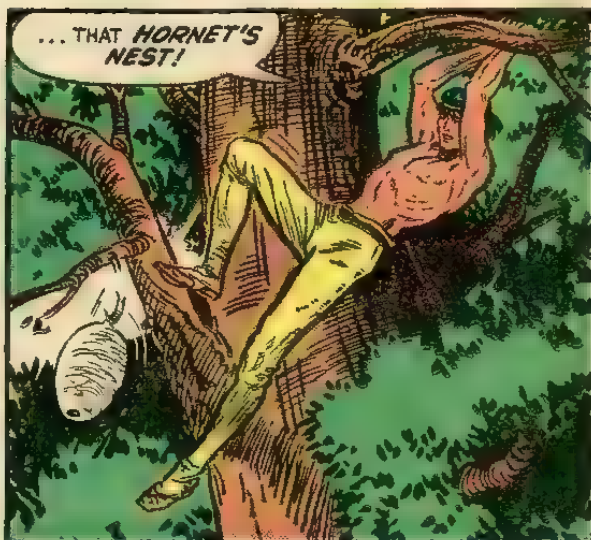
LOWER YOUR BOWS—I WILL CALL TO THEM!... YOU TWO—SLAYERS OF MY SON! CLIMB DOWN!

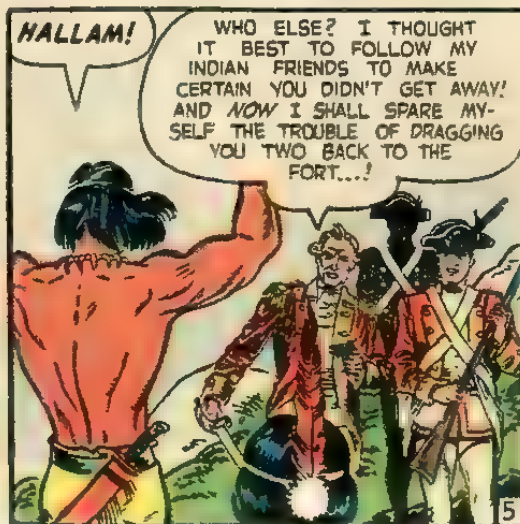
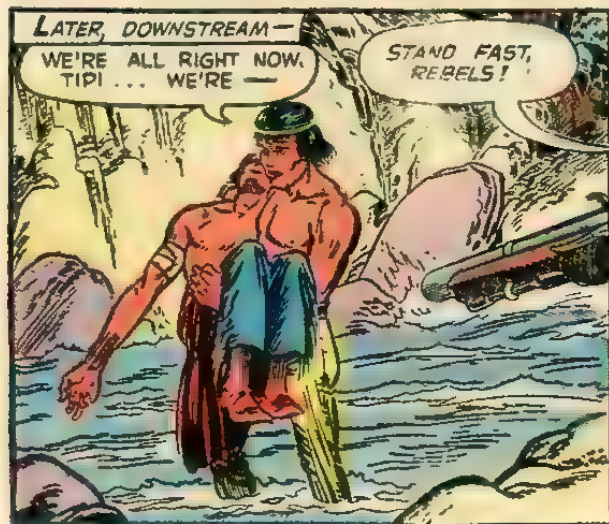
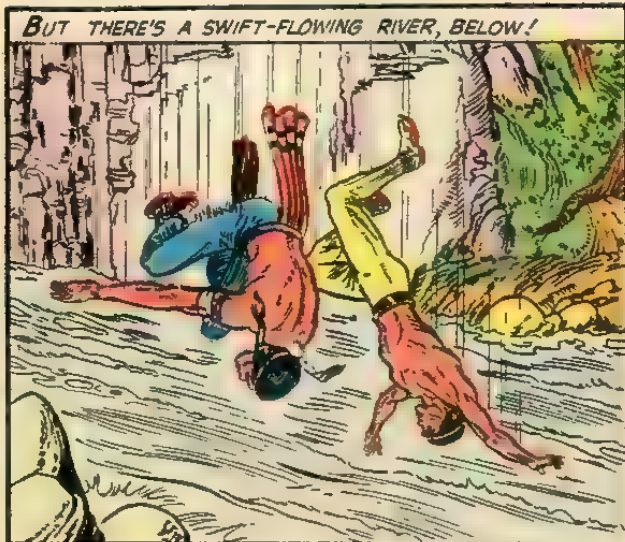
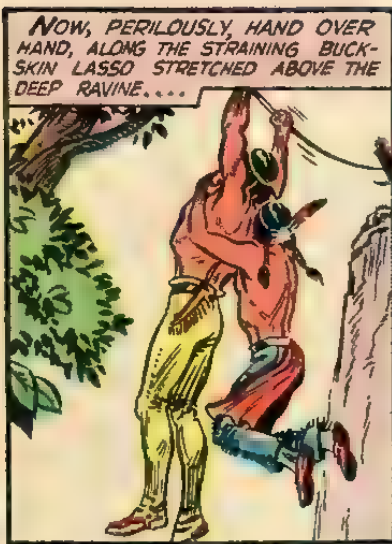
THEY ANSWER ONLY WITH SILENCE, CHIEF. THEY KNOW WHAT LIES IN STORE FOR THEM SOON AS THEY TOUCH THE GROUND.

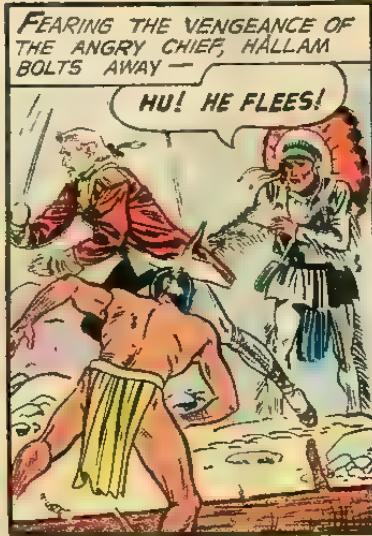


HALF OF YOU USE YOUR WAR-AXES TO CHOP DOWN THE TREES NEAR THE ONE WHERE THEY HIDE! ...THE REST WILL KEEP THE AIR FILLED WITH ARROWS, SO THEY CANNOT MOVE! BUT DO NOT HIT THEM... I WANT THEM STILL ALIVE WHEN THEY FALL INTO OUR HANDS!









THE DURANGO KID'S WESTERN DICTIONARY

By clipping out and saving these pages, you can soon collect a complete dictionary of western terms and slang, as well as brief histories of well-known gunfighters and Indian-fighters, cattlemen and sheriffs. If you have any personal favorites, why not write in and tell the editor about them? Address Durango's Dictionary, care of this magazine.

STUART'S STRANGLERS This was a vigilante group of Montana citizens formed by leading citizen Granville Stuart to combat rustling activities of Montana outlaws and badmen. Stuart was born in Virginia in 1834. He came west with his brother James to try his luck at gold mining, which in the 1850's was a booming industry. He also became a trader, and raised vegetables and produce in his post gardens. Becoming a rancher, he soon became a leading citizen and was elected secretary of the Montana Stock Grower's Association. He helped fight Indians and the rising flood of outlaws and badmen who swarmed into the short grass country after "easy pickings."

In 1884, when the badlands outlaws rustled and robbed wherever they chose, Granville Stuart summoned cattlemen and their cowhands to his ranch. This meeting resulted in the group known to western men as "Stuart's Stranglers." Now when horse thieves and rustlers were captured, Stuart's men came and hanged them, with a placard announcing their guilt draped around their necks. Soon the badmen began to realize that the formerly helpless ranchers were now an organized force. Outlaws like Sam MacKenzie, "Rattlesnake Jake" Fallon and "Longhair" Owen were sought out by these grim juries. MacKenzie was hanged, and Fallon and Owen died in a memorable gun battle on the dusty streets of Lewistown.

The "stranglers" began to extend their activities. They rode down on deserted cabins where, in the large corrals attached to them, they found stolen horses. When the horse thieves returned with more of the rustled animals, they found a necktie party awaiting them.

These ranchers were protecting themselves in the only way they could. The Montana frontier in those days was a wild and untamed thing, *without official law of any kind*. Had these ranchers not united, they would have been hunted down by the hardcase killers and outlaws who preyed on them.

Stuart and his men cleared the badlands forever of outlaws, and when their services were no longer needed by society, they disbanded.

Granville Stuart himself went on to become United States minister to two South American countries. He died in 1918.

TALLY The "tally" is the count taken of the steers on a ranch, or on a trail drive. This is done by counting each steer by making a mark of some kind. Sometimes a pebble is used. A rider drops a pebble for each steer sighted, and counts the pebbles in the sack at the end of day. A book tally is taken by calculating the normal and expected rate of increase from the original number of cattle on the ranch. Naturally, this tally was not as reliable as the actual pebble count.

WAPITI The wapiti is the largest deer in North America, with the exception of the moose. It is also known as the elk. The word "wapiti" is an Indian term for the animal which has found its way into common usage. The male wapiti stands five feet high at the shoulders, and weighs about eight hundred to a thousand pounds. Sometimes the spread of the antlers reaches five feet in width. The wapiti range in the high mountains, and emerge into the valley regions during the summer.

A large, tan-colored tent is set up on a grassy field. A sign on the side of the tent reads "DAVE CROCKETT". A person is visible inside the tent, and another person is standing outside near the entrance. The tent is surrounded by a fence and trees in the background. The text "AN" is visible on the left side of the tent, and "LARGE" is visible on the right side.

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APACHE KID The Apache Kid was the name of an outlaw Apache who was once an army scout serving the U.S. cavalry. When his father was killed by another Apache, and tribal honor demanded that he revenge this murder, the Apache Kid left the San Carlos agency, where he was stationed, and took up the trail of the killer. He got his man, but he also became an outlaw, for he had broken the white man's law. However, two years later, the Apache Kid received a pardon from President Grover Cleveland. Despite this pardon, the Kid and his little group of Apache renegades were then tried for another murder and sentenced to jail. Escaping, the little band started their own reign of terror.

Robbing and stealing, the Apache Kid led his men out on foray after foray. One by one, his band was killed or captured, but no one could run down the Apache Kid.

No one knows what happened to him. In 1894, he seemingly committed his last crime, for nothing further was ever heard about him. It was rumored that he had been wounded by a prospector, and that he crawled off into the mountains to die like the lone wolf he had become, but there is no absolute proof of this. Other authorities say that this is not so: that the Kid went over the border into Mexico, where he lived out his life among his own people, safe from the interference of white men.

BEAR PAW MOUNTAINS A range of mountains in Montana. It was here that the last Indian fight took place, between the displaced Nez Perce Indians and the United States army. Refusing to enter a reservation set aside for them, the Nez Perce—under the skillful leadership of their great chief, Chief Joseph, who is accorded the highest ranking as one of the greatest Indian leaders ever known—trekked for more than one thousand miles back and forth across Idaho and Montana, before surrendering to General Nelson A. Miles and the U.S. cavalry.

CHINOOK This is a warm spring wind that sweeps down out of Canada at the end of the hard winter, across Montana and Idaho and Wyoming. It melts the snows and frees the deep ice of the streambeds. When the chinook comes, cattlemen know the wintertime is over.

DANGLERS These are tiny metal objects that hang from ornate spurs, and jingle as the wearer walks.

EARP Wyatt Earp is one of the most famous sheriffs of the old west. His name and that of Tombstone, Arizona, where, with Doc Holiday, he made gun history, are forever associated. Born in Illinois, he came west at an early age, working as stagecoach driver and buffalo hunter. In 1876 he became marshal at Dodge City. A little earlier, he had made a reputation as a lawman at Ellsworth at Wichita.

It was not until Wyatt Earp and his brothers, together with Doc Holiday, moved on to Tombstone that his fame began to spread even farther. Here he smashed the Clanton gang, during which occurred the memorable fight at the O.K. Corral. Three outlaws died that day: Frank McLowery, Tom McLowery and Bill Clanton. A grand jury heard evidence on the gun duel, and Earp and his men emerged with honors. When his brother, Morgan Earp, was assassinated by some of the Clanton gang, he took up the trail himself. He got one of them, a man named Stillwell, in Tucson. He dropped Indian Charlie just outside Tombstone.

Wyatt Earp retired from his practice of lawman in later years, and lived to an honorable old age.

FLOUR GOLD This is gold dust so fine it slips right through the sluice boxes. Most gold found in placer mines is in the form of nuggets, coarse gold, fine gold, and flour gold. Sluice boxes can get all this gold except the powdery flour gold. The method used to prevent the escape of this gold is to mix quicksilver into the sluice boxes, and pour the quicksilver and the gold attached to it into an old blanket. Then the blanket is burned, and the amalgam that is left is heated to wash away the quicksilver. The remainder is the pure flour gold.

GRIZZLY The grizzly bear is one of the largest of all bears, sometimes weighing one thousand pounds. It ranks next to the Alaska brown bear in size. Its furry hide is usually long and shaggy, and ranges in color from brown to black. Occasionally the tips of the hairs on the body are colored white, giving them the name of silvertip grizzlies.

The grizzly is a savage fighter and can claw a man to death very easily. Its strength is tremendous. When wounded, the grizzly knows no fear and can run at a good rate of speed despite its seeming awkwardness.

The home of the grizzly bear stretches from the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains northward into Canada, almost as far as Alaska. It eats fruit and berries, insects and small animals, though it has been known to prey on cattle.

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OR BUZZ

SSMALL WONDER THAT WAGON-DRIVERS HAD SHUNNED THE NARROW PASS FOR YEARS NOW!...TOO MANY TALES HAD SPREAD AROUND ABOUT THOSE WHO HAD DARED TO RIDE IT—ONLY TO VANISH FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH/BUT THEN **THE DURANGO KID** TOOK A HAND—AND HE NEVER FACED GREATER DANGER THAN WHEN HE TRIED TO SOLVE

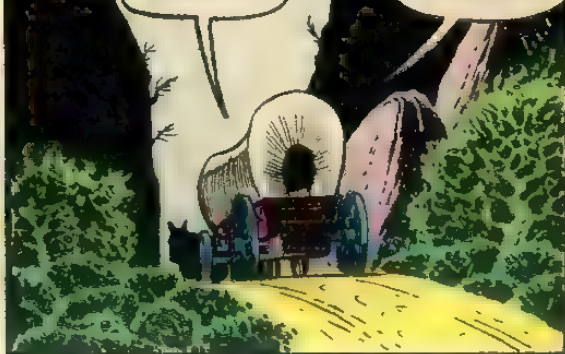


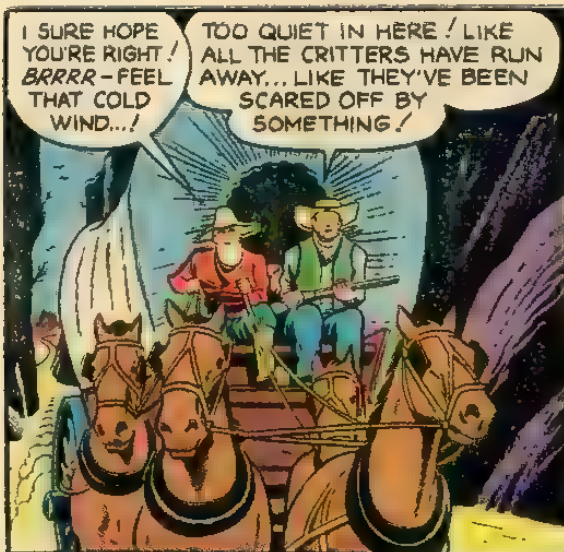
THE MYSTERY OF GUNSMOKE PASS!

GUNSMOKE PASS!... A NARROW STRETCH OF TRAIL SQUEEZED TIGHT BY SANDY SLOPES—A NATURAL SHORTCUT FOR WAGON TRAINS TRUNDLING INTO UNTAMED TERRITORY! BUT FEAR AND MYSTERY BLOCK THAT PASS—AND THE WAGON-DRIVERS WHO USE IT ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN!



WHERE COMES ONE NOW—
THINK WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING, JEB—
COMING THIS WAY? MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO ALL THOSE TALES ABOUT WAGONS AND THEIR CREWS DISAPPEARING HERE—ABOUTS...!
I DON'T SCARE SO EASY! TAKING THIS PASS WILL SAVE US FOUR WHOLE DAYS TRAVELLING!





I SURE HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT! BRRRR—FEEL THAT COLD WIND...!

TOO QUIET IN HERE! LIKE ALL THE CRITTERS HAVE RUN AWAY... LIKE THEY'VE BEEN SCARED OFF BY SOMETHING!

SUDDENLY, THE DREAD STILLNESS OF GUNSMOKE PASS IS SPLINTERED BY THE BEAT OF MUFFLED HOOF:



YOU TWO IN THE WAGON—REIN UP PRONTO!

TOO BAD YOU CAME THIS WAY... YOU SHOULD'VE TAKEN WARNING FROM ALL THE REST THAT'S NEVER BEEN SEEN AGAIN!

UH-OH—GOOD I HAVE MY RIFLE HANDY!



AND SO—

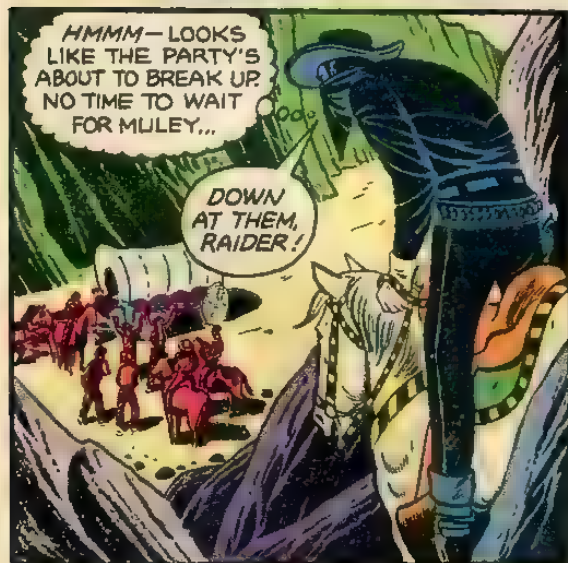
ON A SLOPE, A MILE AWAY—

SOUNDS LIKE A GUNFIGHT, MULEY! LET'S GET MOVING...!

SURE THING, DURANGO—BUT WHAT'RE YOU HEADED THAT WAY FOR? THAT CHASM IS A FAR WAY DOWN—AND IT'S RIGHT BETWEEN US AND THE RUCKUS!

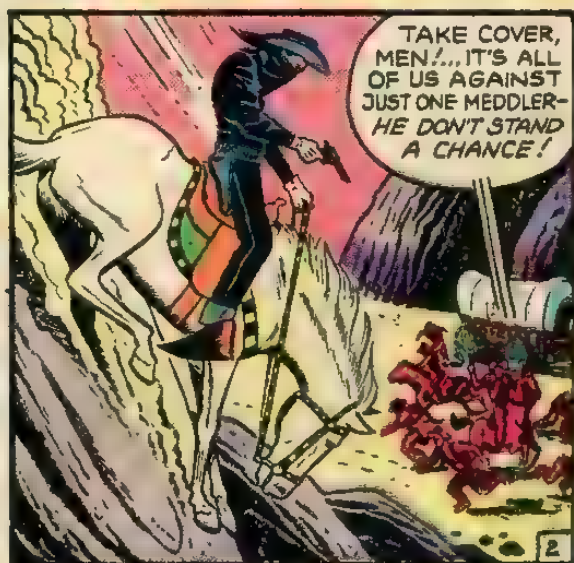
BUT THAT'S **RAIDER** DURANGO IS MOUNTED ON!

YOU COME AROUND THE LONG WAY, MULEY—I'LL GET A QUICK LOOK-SEE!



HMMM—LOOKS LIKE THE PARTY'S ABOUT TO BREAK UP. NO TIME TO WAIT FOR MULEY...

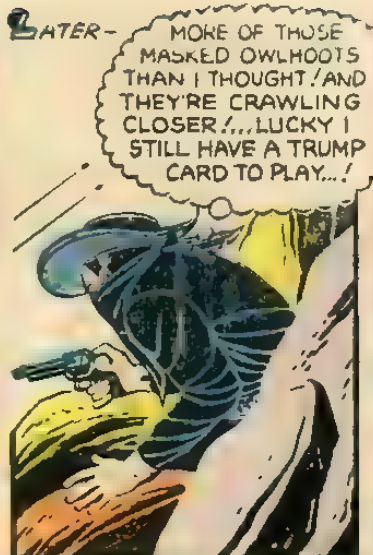
DOWN AT THEM, RAIDER!



TAKE COVER, MEN!... IT'S ALL OF US AGAINST JUST ONE MEDDLER—HE DON'T STAND A CHANCE!



RUN FOR THE MOUTH OF THE PASS, RAIDER! TOO MUCH LEAD FLYING FOR ME TO STAY MOUNTED...!



LATER-

MOKE OF THOSE MASKED OWLHOOTS THAN I THOUGHT! AND THEY'RE CRAWLING CLOSER!... LUCKY I STILL HAVE A TRUMP CARD TO PLAY...!

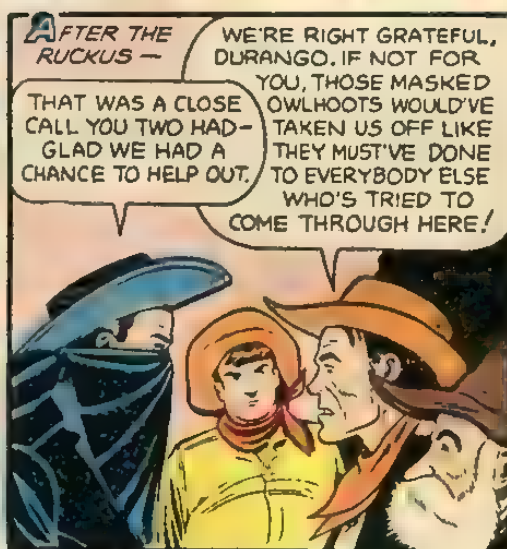


HE'S PINNED FLAT!... WE'LL RUSH HIM WHILE THE REST OF YOU COVER US...!

BUT JUST THEN DURANGO'S TRUMP CARD - HIS SIDEKICK, MULEY PIKE, WHO'S COME AROUND THE LONG WAY - OPENS FIRE ON THE MASKED MEN'S FLANK!



MAKE TRACKS EVERYBODY - OR WE'LL BE CUT DOWN BY CROSS-FIRE!



AFTER THE RUCKUS -

THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL YOU TWO - GLAD WE HAD A CHANCE TO HELP OUT.

WE'RE RIGHT GRATEFUL, DURANGO. IF NOT FOR YOU, THOSE MASKED OWLHOOTS WOULD'VE TAKEN US OFF LIKE THEY MUST'VE DONE TO EVERYBODY ELSE WHO'S TRIED TO COME THROUGH HERE!



NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT NOW! HITCH UP - MULEY AND I WILL SEE YOU THROUGH SAFELY!

NO, SIREE - WE'RE TAKING THE **LONG** WAY! WE'VE HAD OUR FULL OF GUNSMOKE PASS...!

HE'S TURNED BACK!... AND I TOOK HIM FOR THE KIND OF HOMBRE WHO DIDN'T SCARE EASY!

THEY'RE UNNERVED, MULEY. FROM WHAT THEY'VE TOLD US, THIS PASS HAS A BAD REPUTATION. MAYBE WE SHOULD HANG AROUND A SPELL... AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT...!

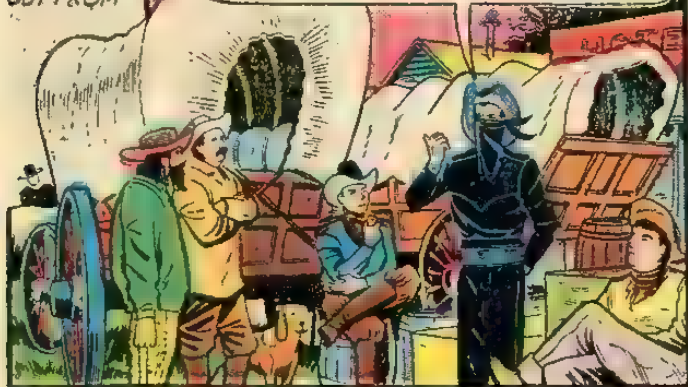


DURANGO
AND MULEY
RIDE BACK
TO WHERE
THE WAGON
TRAINS START
OUT FROM—

YOU'RE RIGHT—THE PASS GOES THROUGH UNTAMED
TERRITORY... THE LAW HASN'T REACHED OUT THAT
FAR YET / BUT LOOK AT IT THIS WAY—YOU'LL
SAVE FOUR DAYS TRAVELLING TIME IF YOU GO
THROUGH THAT PASS / AND MULEY AND I WILL
BE RIDING ALONGSIDE ALL THE WAY..!

NO TAKERS.
DURANGO—
THEY'RE
PLUMB
BUFFALOED.

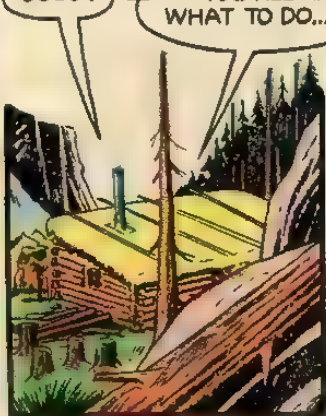
IF ONLY **ONE** OF
THEM'D GO / THAT'S
ALL IT WOULD TAKE—
**ONE WAGON GETTING
THROUGH SAFELY!** WE
HAVE TO KEEP TRYING,
MULEY..!



BUT TWO WEEKS GO BY—
AND GUNSMOKE PASS JUST
STANDS THERE, UNUSED,
STILL BLOCKED BY FEAR
AND MYSTERY!



THEN, ONE DAY—
WAGON HEADING
INTO THE PASS,
BOSS!



HAND ME
THOSE FIELD
GLASSES...
LET'S GO, MEN—
YOU ALL KNOW
WHAT TO DO...!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW — ONE OLD
COOT AND HIS MISSUS / NO NEED
TO CALL THE REST OF THE GANG
FROM THE MINE — WE'LL TAKE
THEM OURSELVES...!



THE MAN'S
GONE BACK
INSIDE THE
WAGON /

THE OLD FOOL BETTER
NOT BE REACHING FOR
A SHOOTING—IRON!... PULL
REIN, LADY...



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE WAGON—

COULDN'T
CONVINCE

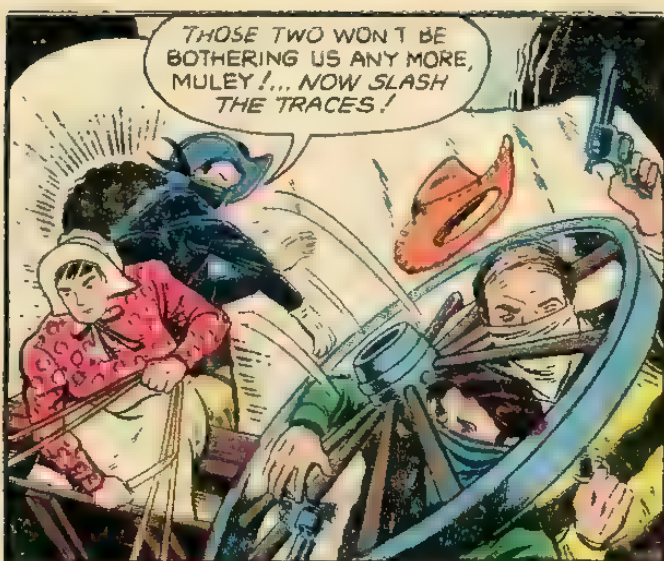
...AND TELL YOUR
HUSBAND TO COME
THE PASS—HAD TO TRY IT
OUT WITH HIS
HANDS GRABBING
AIR!

ANYBODY TO COME THROUGH
THE PASS—HAD TO TRY IT
OURSELVES... IN DISGUISE!
I'LL BE COMING OUT ALL
RIGHT...





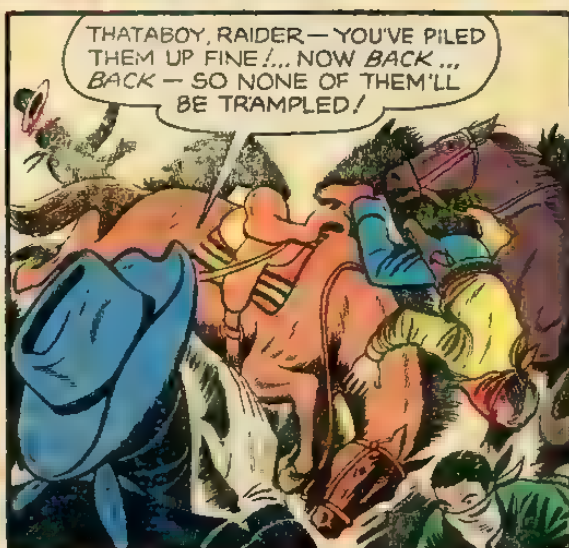
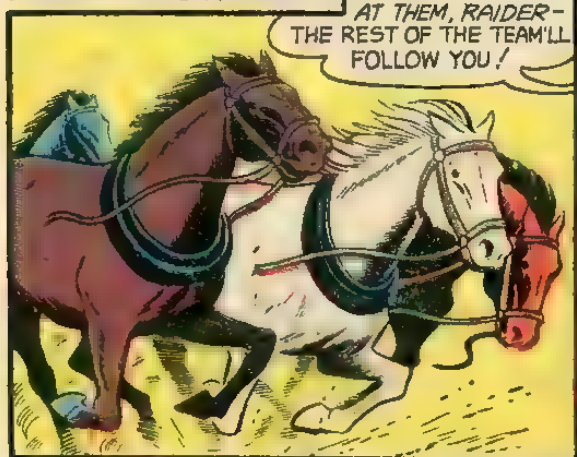
...BUT
IT'S NOT AIR
MY HANDS ARE
GRABBING!



THOSE TWO WON'T BE
BOTHERING US ANY MORE,
MULEY!... NOW SLASH
THE TRACES!

**THAT'S RAIDER AT THE HEAD OF THE WAGON TEAM!
AND BEFORE THE MASKED MEN CAN CALM THEIR
OWN STARTLED MOUNTS -**

AT THEM, RAIDER -
THE REST OF THE TEAM'LL
FOLLOW YOU!



THATABOY, RAIDER - YOU'VE PILED
THEM UP FINE!... NOW BACK...
BACK - SO NONE OF THEM'LL
BE TRAMPLED!



TALK FAST, NOW... I WANT TO KNOW
WHY YOU'VE BEEN BLOCKING THE
PASS - AND **WHAT** YOU'VE DONE
WITH ALL THE OTHER WAGON-
DRIVERS!



THEY DON'T SEE ME!...
I'LL GET TO THE MINE AND BRING
BACK THE REST OF THE GANG...
AND WE'LL TAKE DURANGO
AND MULEY LIKE WE TOOK
ALL THE REST!

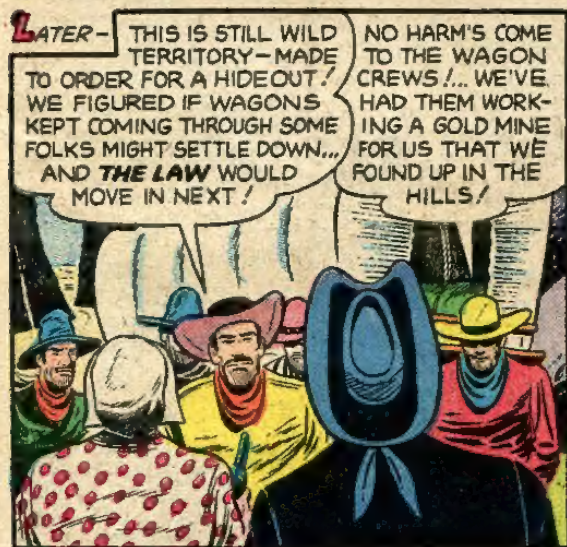


HEY —
WHERE'RE YOU
GOING ?!

KEEP THEM COVERED,
MULEY — I JUST SPOTTED
ONE OF THEM TRYING
TO VAMOOSE!



NOT POLITE TO RUN OUT
ON THE PARTY JUST WHEN
IT'S JUST STARTED,
MISTER!



LATER —

THIS IS STILL WILD
TERRITORY — MADE
TO ORDER FOR A HIDEOUT!
WE FIGURED IF WAGONS
KEPT COMING THROUGH SOME
FOLKS MIGHT SETTLE DOWN...
AND **THE LAW** WOULD
MOVE IN NEXT!

NO HARM'S COME
TO THE WAGON
CREWS!... WE'VE
HAD THEM WORK-
ING A GOLD MINE
FOR US THAT WE
FOUND UP IN THE
HILLS!



AFTER A LONG RIDE BACK —

HERE'S PART OF THE GANG
THAT'S BEEN BLOCKING GUNSMOKE
PASS, MARSHAL. THEY'LL TELL
YOU WHERE TO PICK UP THE
REST AND ALL THE WAGON CREWS
THEY'VE BEEN HOLDING!

GOOD WORK,
DURANGO —
I'VE BEEN
ACHING TO
CLEAN UP THAT —
HEY! WHERE
ARE YOU
HEADED FOR
NOW?



WE HAVE TO
PREPARE FOR
A TRIP THROUGH
GUNSMOKE PASS
BY WAGON.

WHAT?!



THE NEXT DAY —

TARNATION,
DURANGO — WHAT
DO WE NEED THESE
GET-UPS FOR
NOW?

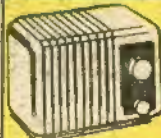
JUST TO **PROVE**
TO FOLKS HOW
SAFE THE PASS IS —
IF A **LOVING OLD**
COUPLE LIKE US CAN
GET THROUGH, THEY'LL
KNOW FOR SURE THAT
ANYBODY CAN!



AND THAT'S JUST HOW EVERY-
THING WORKS OUT! SEE...
THAT'S GUNSMOKE
PASS DOWN
THERE!

A NARROW
STRETCH OF
TRAIL SQUEEZED
TIGHT BY SANDY SLOPES —
A NATURAL SHORTCUT FOR
WAGON TRAINS TRUNDLING
ONE AFTER THE OTHER,
INTO UNTAMED TERRITORY!

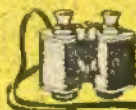
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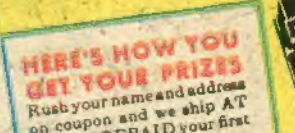
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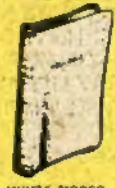
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